



Workforce Development Council

STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT SYSTEM (SWIS) COMMITTEE MEETING

1313 Sherman St #521
Denver, CO

December 12, 2005
10:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting Summary

In Attendance:

Members:

Samantha O'Neill-Dunbar (proxy for Nancy McCallin), Tom Looft (proxy for Rick Grice), Doug Glynn (proxy for Bill Moloney), Joe Collins, Peggy Herbertson

Council Staff:

Booker Graves, Glenn Little

Absent:

Nancy Stahoviak, Les Watkins, Mark Warne, Marva Livingston-Hammons, Mary Hillsman, Walt Speckman

Meeting:

I. Welcome and Introductions – Meeting was called to order at 10:10am

Booker welcomed everyone to the meeting and made a few membership announcements. Pat Buys retired from A/D Works! and resigned from the Council. The Governor appointed Peggy Herbertson to fill Pat's slot and Mark Pingrey appointed Peggy as the new Co-Chair of the SWIS Committee. Nancy Stahoviak is the other Co-Chair but has been having some major medical issues that have prevented her from participating on a more regular basis. Booker may look into assigning a temporary Co-Chair while determining what Nancy's participation will be in the future.

II. Grant Report

New Grants

Eastern Workforce Region – Turning Point (Re-Entry Grant) – \$112,000
Mark Warne has been contracted to do some training of staff in the Eastern and Southwestern regions in how to interact with this specialized population. The workforce staff members need to be

equipped with special skills to work with issues that arise when working with ex-offenders.

Tri-County – RAPT – \$389,886

Providing training and education for processing technical positions.

Current Grants

Denver completed their Airport Certification program and this project has lead to the establishment of a workforce center at the airport, which continues to expand.

Larimer is continuing its Workforce Development Liaison position, but was not funded for another year.

Tri-County is continuing its Casino Management Certification program, but has gotten off to a slow start.

All contracts have been issued for the new grants. OWD is working on a Waiver Contract with each region to streamline the award process.

III. WIA Reauthorization

The Senate is in the process of passing a bill. It is in limbo right now.

IV. Metro Denver Region's Jobs for America's Graduates

The Denver workforce office is proposing a project to partner with two educational institutions to assist graduates in seeking post-secondary education or training. They are requesting funding of \$100,000 (\$50,000 up front and \$50,000 once they establish a connection with another region) to work with Jobs for America's Graduates.

OWD recommends funding the project on its merits. It has the attention and support of the Governor.

Motion to approve (Joe)

Seconded (Tom)

Approved

V. Denver Metro Front Range Collaboration

This project, also proposed by the Denver workforce region, strives to have all seven metro regions work together on improving the front range economy and addressing other workforce and labor market issues. The project will explore the feasibility of creating a regional alliance. They are requesting \$48,000 for staff support and a part-time project coordinator. Each region will still operate independently, but this will allow for the regions to work together on larger projects.

An important note: the regions shouldn't overlook the role of the Council and the State when working on projects. Regional collaboration can cause single regions to be left out of some federal funding. There needs to be better communication and coordination. OWD should be communicating the efforts of each region, so that regions know where they can fill in and create new projects. Projects that affect the entire front range region, should be addressed by more than just the Denver Metro area (Colorado Springs, Larimer County, etc.)

OWD recommends not to fully fund the first year. The first year should be funded at 50% of the total costs, and the metro regions should be asked to come up with the other half of the money. There should be stipulations written that if a program has an impact beyond the confines of the Denver Metro area, there will be communication with the other areas on how they can assist.

Motion to approve funding of \$24,000 for the project (Tom)
Seconded (Joe)
Approved

VI. Strategic Planning

The SWIS Committee needs to look at the mission of the Committee, the Council's three areas of focus, and how the Committee functions. Corporation for a Skilled Workforce has been retained to provide technical assistance to help the Council with the Annual Report, the State Plan, and strategic planning (waiting for contract approval from State Controller).

A Strategic Planning session should take place in January where the Committee can spend three or four hours. January 17th is the first choice with the 24th as a back-up date. The meeting will take place in Colorado Springs and begin around 10:00am.

VII. Meeting Dates

SWIS Committee recommends CWDC's meeting schedule (see accompanying Decision Document).

Motion to approve 2006 schedule (Doug)
Seconded (Joe)
Approved

SWIS Committee meeting schedule (see accompanying Decision Document)

Use strategic planning meeting in January in place of February meeting
Recommend changing the May meeting to May 11th

Motion to approve schedule with recommended changes (Samantha)
Seconded (Doug)
Approved

The meeting schedule will be forwarded to Mary Ann Roe for placement on the Portal.

VIII. Open Discussion

There was a general discussion on the inclusion of minorities on the Workforce Development Council. Booker is aware of the issue and there are several new appointees that are from a minority group. One difficulty in the recruitment process is the time commitment.

There will be an orientation coming up after the next round of appointments to the Council. OWD may start producing a newsletter every quarter that provides Council input and information

Corporation for a Skilled Workforce will be working on a stronger Council orientation and ongoing Council improvement.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am.